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Subject: RE: RELEASE: Governor Bullock Calls on EPA to List Shuttered Columbia Falls Aluminum Company Plant on National Priorities List of Superfund Sites
Attachments: Draft Communication strategy NPL listing 20150108.docx

Hi, Rob.

In case it is helpful, attached is the latest draft ComStrat from NPL listing (1/8/15). I sent it out last month, but I think the timing was a little off. I didn't get any responses, so it is still pretty drafty. We many need to put together a couple more Q&As now that the governor has sent the letter.

It was suggested at our last meeting that I include the key messages from the December 11 meeting. I included those that are now relevant. Mark, I think you asked that we attach all the talking points from the meeting to the ComStrat for future reference as well as Rob's PowerPoint. I only have review copies to those two documents. Rob could you send me your final documents, and I can attach them to the ComStrat.

I highlighted some text in yellow in the draft that I wanted you all to review for accuracy. I also included a number of new questions (for which I didn't have answers) that I poached from ComStrats prepared for other sites that were in the process of being listed. Please take a look at those and add any needed text.

Finally, please take a look at the whole document and let me know if you have any edits, corrections or suggestions.

Thanks,
Cynthia

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Good news. It looks like a Governor's support letter is on the way. I've attached it here. We can discuss this during tomorrow's team meeting.

I imagine this could generate some interest. If called, I plan to use the same general talking points that I typically have for the Superfund process:

Focus on the known site environmental conditions

Focus on the next steps and work on the ground that will occur as part of the process (RI/FS and cleanup if appropriate)

In regard to timing, I plan to discuss the polluter pays principle and our typical efforts to work with the capable RPs first.

Let me know if folks have any questions.

Rob

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Rob:

Sorry, I had no idea this was going out, but I guess that answers the question.

Denise

From: Flatow, Jeni

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Governor Bullock Calls on EPA to List Shuttered Columbia Falls Aluminum Company Plant on National Priorities List of Superfund Sites

HELENA – Citing contamination to groundwater and surface water, as well as sediments in Cedar Creek and the Flathead River, Governor Steve Bullock today sent a letter to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Shaun McGrath encouraging the agency to list the former Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) plant on the Superfund National Priority List (NPL). The CFAC plant was in operation from 1955 until it closed in 2009.

"I'm concerned that if this issue remains unaddressed, the contamination from the site is serious enough to pose long-term risks to the community and to Montana's environment, including the Flathead River," Bullock said in his letter.

The NPL is the list of national priorities among the known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the United States. It is used to guide the EPA in determining which sites warrant further investigation.

In his letter, Bullock went on to encourage the EPA to take critical steps if the site is listed, including:

- Support and maintain a close working relationship with DEQ as they further characterization and cleanup;
- Encourage community involvement and coordination with Columbia Falls and Flathead County;
- Continue periodic residential well sampling until there is sufficient data or cleanup to indicate that contamination of residential wells is not a potential risk;
- Where possible, use local contractors that can maximize the potential for local employment in the investigation and cleanup process; and
- Consider the local community's redevelopment goals when evaluating cleanup needs.

“The plant was a critical part of the economy of Columbia Falls and the site has been idle for too long,” Bullock continued. “It has tremendous potential for redevelopment and will be an important anchor in the future of the region.”

Bullock’s letter to McGrath is available at:

http://governor.mt.gov/Portals/16/docs/2015PressReleases/McGrathShaun_2015_02_18.pdf

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